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Federal library grants support library services

MADISON—Libraries throughout the state will conduct projects to improve literacy, preserve historical documents, and improve library automation systems to better serve library patrons this year, sharing \$3.1 million in federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants.

“Our libraries are strong partners in economic development and improving the quality of life in our state. By focusing on adult, family, and early literacy, they contribute to better education and employability for our citizens,” said State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster.

Grants that support technology improvements represented the largest allocation of LSTA funds. Since March 2003, all Wisconsin public libraries offer Internet access and most of the state’s 387 public libraries have high-speed access to the Internet. Additionally, libraries used LSTA funds to enhance resource sharing throughout the state. This investment resulted in a 17 percent increase the number of items libraries shared between 2003 to 2004, totaling 4.8 million items in 2004.

Libraries planned a variety of other projects, including those that provide services for senior citizens and others with disabilities; help library patrons use the library in another language; and encourage digitization of library materials of unique or special interest, such as local history, plat books, and old photographs. These digitized materials will be made available on-line through the University of Wisconsin-Madison Libraries State of Wisconsin Collection.

“Through these grants, our libraries are strengthening resources and services that help fulfill their mission for the citizens of Wisconsin,” Burmaster said. “Public libraries are our statewide knowledge network, ensuring that all the people of Wisconsin have the broadest possible access to the information resources and materials they need for lifelong learning.”

The Department of Public Instruction Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning administers Wisconsin’s yearly LSTA allocation through the Institute of Museum and Library

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Services, a federal agency responsible for strengthening museums and libraries. The Wisconsin 2005 LSTA Advisory Committee reviewed all grant applications and made recommendations on grant awards for projects to take place from January through December 2006.

Members serving on the LSTA committee in 2005 were:

- Rebecca Berger, Door County Library Service;
- Walter Burkhalter, Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System;
- Terrance Burton, Ebling Health Science Library, UW-Madison;
- Anne Iwata, Wisconsin Department of Administration;
- Paula Kiely, Milwaukee Public Library;
- Jessica MacPhail, Racine Public Library;
- Fred Marini, Melrose-Mindoro School District;
- Ida Nemec, Plum Lake Public Library;
- Paul Onufrak, Eastern Shores Library System;
- Rhonda Puntney, Lakeshores Library System;
- David Polodna, Winding Rivers Library System;
- Elizabeth Richmond, UW-Eau Claire; and
- Veronica Thompson, Rufus King High School, Milwaukee.

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ATTACHMENT: The list of Library Services and Technology Act grant awards for 2006 follows.

Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning
Library Services and Technology Act
Wisconsin Grant Awards — 2006

Arrowhead Library System (Headquarters: Janesville)		Total Awarded	\$103,766
Arrowhead Library System	Arrowhead Library System Shared Automation System		\$85,000
Arrowhead Library System	Training Staff of System Libraries		\$10,202
Janesville, Hedberg Public Library	Low Vision and the Library: Adaptive Technology		\$8,564
Eastern Shores Library System (Headquarters: Sheboygan)		Total Awarded	\$24,584
Eastern Shores Library System	ESLS=Expanded Services to Library Seniors		\$7,157
Eastern Shores Library System	Wide Area Network Access 2006		\$12,050
Sheboygan, Mead Public Library	Sheboygan County Historical Documents		\$5,377
Indianhead Federated Library System (Headquarters: Eau Claire)		Total Awarded	\$142,725
Indianhead Library System	Expanding the MORE Shared System		\$60,000
Indianhead Library System	Making Connections: Serving Seniors with Special Needs		\$23,392
Indianhead Library System	Partnerships for Promoting Early Literacy		\$23,007
Indianhead Library System	System Technology Projects		\$36,326
Kenosha County Library System (Headquarters: Kenosha)		Total Awarded	\$9,310
Kenosha Public Library	EnvisionWare PC Reservation Software		\$9,310
Lakeshores Library System (Headquarters: Waterford)		Total Awarded	\$63,572
Burlington Public Library	Reaching out to Seniors in Residences		\$10,400
Lakeshores Library System	2006 Lakeshores Technology Projects		\$15,429
Lakeshores Library System	Family Literacy Resources for Grandparents		\$32,350
Waterford Public Library	Waterford Area Historical Digitization Project		\$5,393
Manitowoc-Calumet Library System (Headquarters: Manitowoc)		Total Awarded	\$35,818
Manitowoc Public Library	Manitowoc Local History Digitization		\$5,961
Manitowoc-Calumet Library System	Learning to Use the Library in Another Language		\$20,844
Manitowoc-Calumet Library System	System Technology Project 2006		\$9,013
Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System (Headquarters: Horicon)		Total Awarded	\$104,927
Mid-Wisconsin Library System	Mid-Wisconsin Shared Automation Project 2006		\$86,371
Mid-Wisconsin Library System	MWFLS Technology Projects, 2006		\$18,556
Milwaukee County Federated Library System (Headquarters: Milwaukee)		Total Awarded	\$135,671
Milwaukee County Library System	System Technology Projects		\$40,631
Milwaukee Public Library	"Library à la Carte"—Homebound Service for Seniors		\$25,000
Milwaukee Public Library	Ready to Read with Books2Go		\$70,040
Nicolet Federated Library System (Headquarters: Green Bay)		Total Awarded	\$34,048
Nicolet Library System	NFLS Regional Digitization Project		\$3,370
Nicolet Library System	NFLS System Technology Project 2006—Gale Database Support		\$30,678

Northern Waters Library Service (Headquarters: Ashland)		Total Awarded	\$42,758
Northern Waters Library Service	NWLS Delivery Service Project		\$17,000
Northern Waters Library Service	NWLS Technology Expansion Project		\$25,758
Outagamie Waupaca Library System (Headquarters: Appleton)		Total Awarded	\$19,855
Appleton Public Library	Appleton Digitization of Local History Materials		\$5,213
Outagamie Waupaca Library System	Support for OWLSnet Online Databases		\$14,642
South Central Library System (Headquarters: Madison)		Total Awarded	\$220,732
Brodhead Memorial Public Library	Joining Shared Automation system—LINK		\$15,000
Dane County Library Service	Every Child Ready To Read		\$9,857
Dane County Library Service	Sensory Kit Project		\$11,300
DeForest Area Public Library	Adult Literacy in Northeast Dane County		\$28,885
Madison Public Library	Digitizing Plat Books		\$5,874
South Central Library System	Building a Community of Emergent Readers		\$39,000
South Central Library System	Delivery Services		\$66,000
South Central Library System	SCLS Technology Projects, 2006		\$44,816
Southwest Wisconsin Library System (Headquarters: Fennimore)		Total Awarded	\$15,115
Southwest Wisconsin Library System	BadgerNet Converged Network (BCN) Access		\$15,115
Waukesha County Federated Library System (Headquarters: Waukesha)		Total Awarded	\$56,782
Waukesha County Library System	Serving Seniors with Hearing Loss		\$18,550
Waukesha County Library System	Virtual Reference, Overdrive and PocketCirc		\$18,592
Waukesha County Library System	Waukesha County Baby Brain Boosters		\$19,640
Winding Rivers Library System (Headquarters: La Crosse)		Total Awarded	\$84,098
Winding Rivers Library System	WAN Development & Maintenance 2006		\$24,098
Winding Rivers Library System	WRLSWEB Expansion, 2006		\$60,000
Winnefox Library System (Headquarters: Oshkosh)		Total Awarded	\$39,332
Neenah Public Library	Neenah Digitization Project		\$3,812
Winnefox Library System	Winnefox Shared System 2006		\$15,000
Winnefox Library System	Winnefox Technology 2006		\$20,520
Wisconsin Valley Library Service (Headquarters: Wausau)		Total Awarded	\$93,107
Wisconsin Valley Library Service	Accessible Library Services for Seniors with Special Needs		\$28,843
Wisconsin Valley Library Service	Growing V-Cat		\$35,000
Wisconsin Valley Library Service	Implementing Wireless Technology & WPLC Membership		\$29,264
State-Level / Statewide Projects		Total Awarded	\$1,902,800
TOTAL GRANT AWARDS			\$3,180,603